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CHARLES B. ZOGBY SECRETARY OFFICE OF THE BUDGET

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Honorable Anthony Zaleski, Chairman Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority of Lackawanna County Commissioner's Office 200 Adams Avenue, 6th Floor Scranton, PA 18503

RE: ME 1028-00 Lackawanna County Baseball Stadium

Dear Chairman Zaleski:

As you are well aware, on November 8, 2010 Governor Rendell authorized the release of a total of \$20,000,000 in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding for the Lackawanna County Baseball Stadium project. This project was eligible to receive funding via legislative authorization in the Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2008-41.

The Office of the Budget (OB) received the request to draft the grant agreement on November 30, 2010 and OB has drafted a grant agreement for the RACP funding. However, the grant agreement was not fully executed prior to January 18, 2010. As result, the Corbett Administration has undertaken a process to review all similar RACP releases from the prior Administration. This review is being conducted by the Office of the Budget to determine which projects are best positioned to move forward with the limited amount of RACP funding available.

The Office of the Budget has completed its review of the Lackawanna County Baseball Stadium project and I am pleased to inform you that Governor Corbett has approved the Commonwealth's commitment of \$20,000,000 in RACP funding for this project. The RACP grant agreement will now continue to matriculate through the final process and it should be fully executed in the very near term.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania looks forward to working with you for the successful completion of this project. Should you have any questions regarding this commitment or the state of the grant agreement, please contact Richard Dreher at 717-787-7342. Additional information relative to RACP is available via the Office of the Budget's website, http://www.budget.state.pa.us.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Zogby Secretary of the Budget